Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
November 26th, 2006

Faith Sharing
Readings and Questions for
Week of December 3rd, 2006

Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Theme: The coming of the Son of Man.

Question for Adults: How can we prepare for the coming of the Lord?

Question for Children: Name some special days and events that you are waiting for.

Monday, November 27th, 2006
Rev 14:1-3, 4b-5 Lk 21:1-4
8:00 a.m. Daily Liturgy
Intention: Success for the Advent Taize Retreat
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. - Lay Ministry Class

Tuesday, November 28th, 2006
Rev 14:14-19 Lk 21:5-11
8:00 a.m. Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of Mary Smith
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Blood Drive
7:00 p.m. – Women's Encounter
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts

Wednesday, November 29th, 2006
Rev 15:1-4 Lk 21:12-19
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Office Hours
9: 00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry
6:00 p.m. Daily Liturgy
Intention- For the Sexually Abused
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Meal
7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, November 30th, 2006
Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22
8:00 a.m. Daily Liturgy
Intention: Blessings for Life
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
11:30 p.m. – Staff at Deanery luncheon

Friday, December 1st, 2006
Rev 20:1-4, 11—21:2 Lk 21:29-33
8:00 a.m. - Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of Brady Knife
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
12:00 p.m. – Staff at Bishops First Friday Mass & Luncheon

Saturday, December 2nd, 2006
Rev 22:1-7 Lk 21:34-36
8:00 a.m. Daily Liturgy with Adoration
Intention: Blessings for the new Liturgical year
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Share Distribution
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Reconciliation

Sunday Readings
First Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12—4:2
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

3:45 p.m. – Baptismal Class by appointment (please call office at 787-5168)
5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Memorial of Genevieve Walz (mother of Mary Ann Pitsor)

Ministry Schedule:
Bread Baker: *Lori Kline*
Altar Servers: *Jessica Schacher, Marissa & Trevor Pitsor*
Blood: *Bob Sass, Jayme & Reggie Hunt, Kathy Van Asma*
Body: *John Wang*
Lector: *Ken Van Asma & Cathy Wang*
Sacristan: *Joe & Linda Schacher*
Usher: *Joe & Diane Norman*
Choir: *Family Choir*

Sunday, November 26th, 2006
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Repose of Martin Fallgren

Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers: *Cheyenne, Garrett & Brianna Quinn*
Blood: *Larry Williamson, Judy Wilson, Barb & Gary Erickson*
Body: *Marty Quinn*
Lector: *Taylor Rohrbach & Jean Schubauer*
Sacristan: *Barb & Gary Erickson*
Usher: *Duane Schubauer & Kevin Rohrbach*
Choir: *Regina's Minstrels*

8:30 a.m. - RCIA Class in library

9:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class

9:15 a.m. - Coffee & Rolls

10:30 a.m. Liturgy of Eucharist
Intention: For the OLBH Parish Community

Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers: *Mary Pulaski, Whitney Werdel, Mattias Diedricksen*
Blood: *Cary Nickles, Christine Diedricksen, Pat Schubauer, Brenda Czmowski*
Body: *Lorinda Collings*
Lector: *Tom Collings & Cathleen Denekamp*
Sacristan: *Doug & Cary Nickles*
Usher: *Jim Pulaski & Dorothy Tinnell*
Choir: *Folk Group*

7:00 p.m. – Taize Prayer

Prayer Corner: *Names will remain on the list for one month. Please contact the office for continued prayers.*
Improved Health – Tabatha Pourier, Frieda Helm, & Pat Schable

Repose – Mary Smith (Fr. Ray Deisch's neice)

STEWARDSHIP
November 18th & 19th

Loose	$997.72
Envelopes	$2021.27
Votive	$5.20
Student	$58.07
Adopt a Seminarian	$100.00
Stained Glass	$20.00
Building	$180.00
Total	$3,387.26

Renovation Pledges
May 1st, 2005 to April 30th, 2007
Total Pledged - $141,112.01
Total received - $104,667.98

Sparks From Mark
Introduction to the Lectionary's Proclamation of the Gospel according to Luke

This liturgical year our Scriptural guide to living the paschal mystery is Saint Luke. From the First Sunday of Advent to the Last Sunday of the year (the solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ the King), the universal Church will walk in the company of Saint Luke whose lively narratives, vivid characters, and poignant scenes unfold the mission, message, and meaning of Jesus, the Savior.

Yet our journey with Luke is not a mini-course in Luke's Gospel, that is, the liturgy is not a classroom in which we will study the theology and themes of this year's Gospel. To approach the Gospel in this way would be a serious misunderstanding of liturgy. The liturgy is not a forum in which to present the Gospel: instead the Gospel is placed at the service of the liturgy, where we encounter the living Lord Jesus and, through word, ritual, and sacrament, enter more deeply into the pattern of his dying and rising. This introduction will describe, first, some of the characteristics of the Gospel so that our proclamation of individual passages will benefit from the context of Luke's work and, second, how the lectionary (the assigned readings)makes use of the Gospel according to Luke, drawing the worshiping community into deeper union with Jesus.

Luke and his Gospel. Luke was an extraordinary writer whose monumental two-volume work (the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles) fills almost one-quarter of the New Testament. It seems likely that Luke was a Gentile (perhaps a convert to Judaism) who wrote in the mid-eighties. It is possible, though not certain that he was a companion of St. Paul (see Phlm 24; Col 4:14). Luke himself acknowledges that he is not an eyewitness to the ministry of Jesus but he assures readers that he has spoken to eyewitnesses and has carefully examined other written accounts of Jesus' life (Luke 1:1-4)

While we may not know a lot about Luke, most people know a good deal about his Gospel. Some of the most cherished stories about Jesus are reported by Luke: the annunciation to Mary, the birth in a manger, the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Some of the New Testament's most memorable characters are found in Luke: the diminutive but resourceful Zacchaeus,, the aged and astonished Elizabeth and Zechariah, the hospitable Martha and the attentive Mary. Some of Jesus' most beloved parables – brimming with poignancy and compassion, and universal in their broad religious and humanitarian appeal – are jewels of Luke's Gospel: the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the rich man and poor Lazarus, the Pharisee and the tax collector. The backbone of the Church's daily prayer comes from Luke's Gospel: Zechariah's canticle at morning prayer, Mary's Magnificat at evening prayer, and Simeon's canticle at night prayer.[1]

[1] *Living Liturgy 2007*, Liturgical Press, Saint Johns Abby, Collegeville, Minnesota, introduction p. ix-x

Advent Retreat

In the Spirit of Taize
Saturday, December 9th
8:30 a.m. registration
Retreat from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Lunch provided
Cost of $5.00
Located at Our Lady of the Black Hills
For more information, please contact Fr. Mark or Lorraine Ptacek at 787-5168 or olbh@olbh.org

CRS Fair Trade Sale Last year as part of the Advent season preparing our hearts for the gift of Christ at Christmas, we sponsored a Catholic Relief Service, project called a Work of Human Hands. We realize that giving gifts is an important ritual in our lives in particular at Christmas. With Work of Human Hands we have the opportunity to multiply our generosity at Christmas. The Work of Human Hands project helps the disadvantaged artisans and farmers, in impoverished countries, who create tasty and beautiful hand crafted products to receive extra income for their families and an investment in their communities. On the weekends of December 9th & 10th and then again December 16th & 17th you have an opportunity to purchase in the Work of Human Hands project. Some items are chocolate, coffee, gift baskets and Christmas items.

Breakfast by the Knights of Columbus! The Our Lady of the Black Hills Knights of Columbus will have a pancake breakfast and holiday bake sale on December 10th from 8 am to 12 Noon. Donations will be accepted for the breakfast of coffee, juice, pancakes, sausage and fruit. Fresh baked cookies, etc, will be available for purchase. Come join the Knights for food and good company!

National Night of Prayer for Life and America

Our Lady of the Black Hills Parish is hosting the seventeenth annual National Night of Prayer for Life and America on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, December 7th, 2006. This is an evening of prayer, adoration, and song in thanksgiving for life and atonement for abortion. The Pro-Life Commission of the Diocese of Rapid City sponsors the event Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Cupich and will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by three hours of Adoration, which includes 20 decades of the Rosary. The evening concludes with Benediction at 9:45 p.m. Please feel welcome to come to any portion of this special event.

Blood Drive Tuesday, November 28th, 3:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Please be a hero and donate. Hosted by OLBH & Knights of Columbus. For more information, call Robert Dyczek at 484-3725

Women's Encounter Tuesday evening, November 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Please come and hear about Interim Care and Hospice with speakers Lisa Gager and Barb Vargo. Both men and women are invited. Bring a friend.

Single Spouse to see the Christmas Trees in Pierre. The Single Spouses will leave after the 8:00 a.m. Mass Thursday, November 30th. Will stop in Kadoka for breakfast. Mary & Dean Antonsen will drive the church van. There is limited seating, so please call Patty Cariveau ASAP at 718-5882

The Giving Tree The Giving Tree is now up with tags, in the Gathering Area. Please take a tag and consider this part of your Christmas giving. All gifts should be returned no later then Sunday, December 10th with tags attached but **unwrapped.** All gifts stay in the Piedmont, Black Hawk area. If you know of someone in our area who is in need of Christmas giving, please call Judy at 716-4647 or Dorothy at 787-4509.

SHARE Grocery Co-op Open to everyone without exception! SHARE is about stewardship, the sharing of ones gifts through volunteerism and blessing others with the gifts that Christ gave them. And in honor and encouragement of this, they receive a discount on groceries. Those who give shall receive. And in the receiving of the financial benefit through a discount on groceries, you are in reality once again giving, because part of the purchase of groceries is rebated back to the host organization, Our Lady of the Black Hills, thus blessing their ministries. Many times that rebate is used to help put food on the tables for families in need. SHARE is truly an endless circle of the sharing Order your groceries through the host site here at Our Lady of the Black Hills. It helps you, it helps the church, and it helps the community. Consider buying a package for yourself and one to donate, we'll find the family for you. Participation in SHARE is an investment in the Mission and Ministry of the church. You can place your order on Saturday, December 2nd, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and Saturday December 16th, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Diocesan News:

JOIN BISHOP CUPICH FOR FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND LUNCH

December 1, 2006 Mass begins at 11:15 a.m. in the chapel at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Lunch afterward in the church hall, followed by remarks from Bishop Cupich. The $5 charge for lunch benefits Catholic schools in Rapid City.

LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS SET

The feast day of our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated with a bilingual Mass on Tuesday, December 12th, 2006, 6pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd. Bishop Blase Cupich will preside over the Mass and will deliver the homily in English and Spanish. A potluck Mexican meal will follow in the parish hall. Cooked food items can be delivered to the kitchen after 5pm the day of the Mass. Free will donations will also be accepted for the meal.

For the Ride Home
Christ the King
November 26, 2006

Scripture

- His dominion is an everlasting dominion. (Daniel 7:14)
- You are from everlasting, LORD. (Psalm 93:2)
- I am the alpha and the omega, the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty. (Revelation 1:8)
- But as it is, my kingdom is not here. (John 18:36)

Reflection

- Being simultaneously "is", "was", and "is to come", places Jesus outside normal time.
- Being alpha and omega; beginning and end at one time transcends time-space for Jesus.
- Jesus' kingdom is not defined in space or time – "my kingdom is not here."
- What does this tell us about the values of the kingdom we seek?

At a time when the general culture gives little support to Christian values, it is particularly important for the church to visualize itself, as it originally did as a contrast society. The discipleship model (of church) motivates the members of the Church to imitate Jesus in their daily lives. It also makes them feel at home in a Church that must always find its way in a rapidly changing and fluid situation, a pilgrim church still distant from its goal. The discipleship model has the advantage of calling attention to the radical break with worldly values that is required for fidelity to Jesus. The church mediates the call of Christ and makes available the Word of God and the sacraments, without which discipleship would scarcely be possible.[2]

[2] Dulles, Avery Cardinal, S.J., *Models of the Church*, Doubleday, NY, 1974/2002, p. 213-217.